

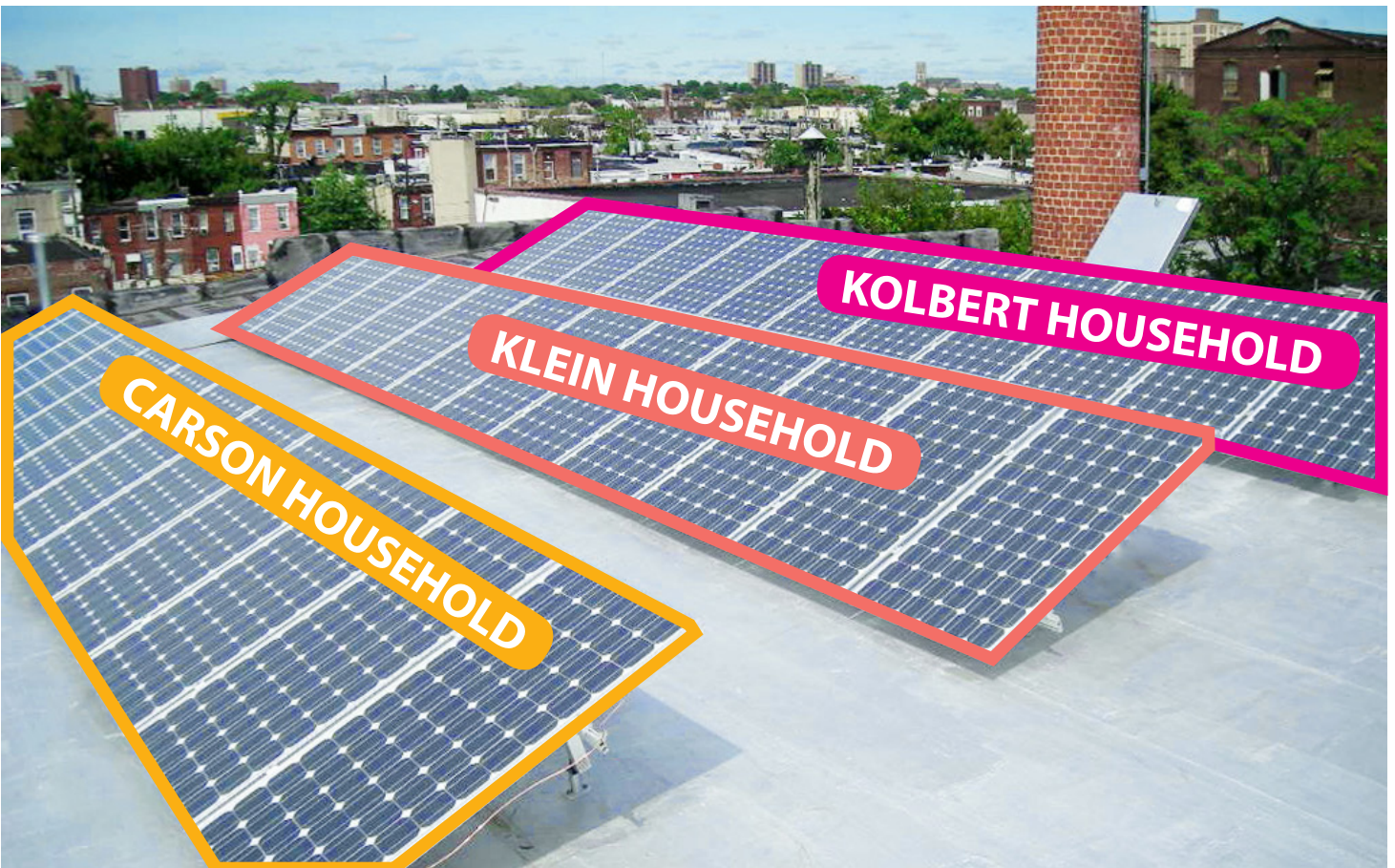
Community Owned Solar

Introduction

Energy Democracy is coming to New England! For the first time, Co-op Power's Community Owned Solar model allows anyone who pays an electric bill to purchase and own solar panels in a single, cooperatively managed array. Co-op Power and Resonant Energy's professional staff provide technical assistance to participants in identifying a site, evaluating contractor installation bids, permitting, and building a solar array that returns maximum value back to the community. Once a site is identified, participants may purchase the number of solar panels that best matches their electricity use.

Highlights

- **Direct Ownership:** Participants receive the full set of state and federal incentives for owning solar.
- **Shared Costs:** by co-locating with other households, the cost to each participant is reduced.
- **Optimal Site:** Your solar panels can be installed at a site with great solar exposure.
- **Operation Guarantee:** Co-op Power will operate and maintain the system for 20 years.



Co-op Power Community Owned Solar vs. Standard Rooftop Solar

	STANDARD ROOFTOP SOLAR	CO-OP POWER COMMUNITY OWNED SOLAR
Installation Cost per Panel	Market rate \$	15–30% below market rate \$
MA Solar Loan Program	Eligible ✓	Eligible ✓
Renters' Access	Not accessible to renters ✗	Accessible to renters ✓
Site Owner Benefit	No additional benefits ✗	Receives a lease payment ✓
Operation & Maintenance	No assistance ✗	Co-op Power's responsibility ✓

Community Owned Solar: How It Works

